

FRISCO DOOMED. Being Destroyed by Fire.

Frightful Cataclysm on the Pacific Coast--Two Earthquake Shocks Followed by Awful Conflagration.

Hundreds of Lives Lost and Millions of Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed.

LAST EDITION

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—3:40 p. m.—The proud city of San Francisco is doomed. Another earthquake shock occurred at 2:30. This put the finish to terror. People fled helter skelter. The bay swarms with boats.

Two ships sank in the bay at 1 o'clock.

Ten run on the banks was awful. The First National bank collapsed as 1,500 people were inside the doors clamoring for their money.

The death list will run far into the thousands.

Shocks continue at intervals.

The chief thought now is safety.

The flames can not be checked and the whole city is doomed to total destruction.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—11 a. m.—The Postal Telegraph is preparing to vacate its building. This will shut off all telegraphic communication with the outside world.

The whole city is threatened with destruction. There is no way of estimating the casualties. The property loss so far is estimated in the neighborhood of fifty millions.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—11:20 a. m.—The Postal Telegraph employees have been forced to leave the office.

Chicago, Ill., April 18.—Authoritative reports this afternoon from San Francisco say it is certain that the death list will run into the thousands.

ENTIRE CITY DOOMED.

Unless Wind Springs Up From West to Blow Flames Toward the Bay.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—Unless a wind comes up from the west, blowing the flames toward the bay, nothing can stop the destruction of the city. The whole north end is wrecked and the flames are spreading in all directions. The sixteen-story Call building is in flames and the back of the eleven-story Monadnock building, near completion, has fallen out. The block bounded by Sansome, California, Pine and Battery streets, is doomed. The damage is already roughly estimated at forty millions. The following buildings have been destroyed: Pacific States Telephone Co., Rialto, The Natoma, the twelve-story Mutual Life building.

Thirty bodies are in the morgue. Mayor has appointed a relief committee of fifty. Military are patrolling the streets, ordered out by General Funston, guarding banks and other establishments, with orders to shoot anyone detected stealing. The banks are open and there is a rush of depositors to draw out money. All saloons are closed.

CERTAINLY HORRIBLE.

Dead May Number Thousands—Catastrophe Grows Worse.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—At 10:15 (coast time) the fire extends from Ferry to Front street on one side and pretty much all south of Market street and out to Seventh with sporadic fires in the park section and the western division.

There is no way of estimating the dead. It may be hundreds and it may be thousands.

There is hardly any water and it is impossible to say when the fire will stop. Postal telegraph operators remain at their posts at the peril of their lives, as the building is threatened with collapsing and the fire is within a block.

The Postal Telegraph will open a temporary office at Oakland, across the bay, as soon as a boat can be procured

to carry operators there. The fire is so fierce now between Market street and Ferry, however, as to make it impossible to reach a boat at present.

The fish market, corner of Clay and Merchant, has collapsed, killing six.

Calamity After Calamity.

The Grand opera house is burning fiercely and a ten-story building adjoining is apparently doomed, as are other buildings between the theatre and St. Patrick's church.

Many people are fleeing from the Palace hotel. The gas works, south of Market street, have blown up and started another big fire in that section of the city.

A portion of the Mission, several miles from the business section, is in flames. A fire began at twenty-second street and is rapidly moving eastward. It may sweep the entire southern section of the city.

In Oakland five persons were killed by the collapse of the Empire building.

The Gore block, at Market and Pine, is in flames, and will probably be a total loss.

General Funston Calls Out all Available Troops.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—General Funston has called out all available troops for service if necessary. The board of supervisors will meet immediately to take measures for relief and protection of sufferers. Chief of Fire Department Sullivan is in a precarious condition. Both he and his wife were injured.

CITY NOW UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

Seems That Entire Section of San Francisco Must Be Destroyed.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—11:15 a. m.—The Palace hotel is now on fire. Other buildings on fire are the Claus Spreckles structure, seventeen stories high; the Phelan building and O'Farrell store.

The south side of Market street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, is now on fire and the flames are spreading in all directions.

The city is now under martial law.

It seems the entire business section of San Francisco must be destroyed. Mayor Schmitz has called for the assistance of the entire Oakland fire department and ordered that all dynamite available be used to blow up buildings in order to stay the flames.

At 11:05 it was reported that a serious fire is burning at Berkeley, where the state university is located.

FIVE HUNDRED BODIES ALREADY IN MORGUE.

Hundreds of People Fleeing From San Francisco, Los Angeles Hears.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 18.—It is reported that five hundred bodies are already in the morgue at San Francisco. More are being brought in constantly. Hundreds of people are fleeing from San Francisco.

The Palace and Grand hotels are destroyed; the Examiner, Call, Rialto, Postal and Western Union buildings wrecked.

General Funston has declared martial law.

At Sacramento, Too.

Sacramento, Cal., April 18.—A severe earthquake shock occurred here early this morning. There is great confusion. No loss of life is reported.

Slight Damage at Sacramento.

Sacramento, Cal., April 18.—The severest earthquake felt in this city in many years occurred at five-thirteen o'clock this morning. Buildings rocked like cradles, but there was no serious damage. There was slight damage to the postoffice and some other brick buildings.

Sacramento, Cal., April 18.—Hundreds, perhaps thousands of persons, are believed to be dead in San Francisco as the result of the earthquake. It is reported that hundreds of buildings in that city have fallen and that fires are destroying the city.

Many cities along the coast suffered, but it will be hours before the full extent of the damage is known.

Other Points Along Coast Damaged.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—The earthquake did more or less damage at other points along the coast.

A hotel at Collinsville, on the Sacramento river, was wrecked. No one was injured there.

At one place between Sprig and Teal stations, in the Suisun marshes, for a distance of a mile and a half, the Southern Pacific tracks sank three to six feet, and at another point nearly one thousand feet of track went out. There are great crevices on each side of the track through the Suisun marshes and it is reported that a great ocean of water has flowed over the lowlands between Suisun and Benecia.

At Tracy, San Joaquin county, freight cars in the yard started to towing and had to have blocks placed under them.

At Woodlands chimneys were knocked down. At Napa scarcely a whole pane of window glass is left.

The shock was felt as far east as Hazen, Nevada.

FROM SECOND EDITION

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—San Francisco was practically wrecked by an earthquake at 5:10 o'clock this morning. The shock lasted three minutes. Thousands of buildings were damaged or destroyed. The loss of life is reported to be great. There is no water and fire rages all over the city. All wires, with the exception of one, are gone. The city hall, costing several millions, is in ruins. Modern buildings suffered less than those of brick and frame. The terror and excitement is indescribable.

How Buildings Swayed.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—Most of the people were asleep. They were suddenly aroused and rushed into the streets, undressed. Buildings swayed and crashed, burying their occupants. People reeled in down town hotels. The Lick house is badly damaged but no loss of life is reported there. Palace and St. Francis hotels withstood the shock. The people flocked to the telegraph offices to send messages to friends and were frantic because there were no wires. The greatest damage to buildings was done on South Market street where there are mostly frame houses. Fires occurred in every block of that district.

Utmost Panic Prevails.

San Francisco, Cal., 8:50 a. m.—A disastrous fire has broken out on south side of Market street, and is now within a block of the Palace hotel. Water mains have burst and the fire department is practically helpless. The utmost confusion exists. All business is suspended. Plastering is falling from inside the Palace and St. Francis hotels. Between the Postal office and the water front great damage was done by fire, which is burning fiercely. The streets are blocked with debris. Buildings are being blown up. The residents are safe so far as heard from.

Railroads Swallowed Up.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—A telegram from Sacramento reports that three miles of railroad have sunk out of sight as the result of the earthquake between Suisun and Benecia, taking all the wires with it. At Pleasanton, several cars were burned on the main line, blocking trains.

Disaster Grows.

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.—1:40 a. m.—As reports come in the magnitude of the awful disaster grows. Fires are raging in all directions and people are moving out of the town section. The loss of life may reach into hundreds. Millions of dollars of property has been destroyed. The district lying between Market and Howard streets, from Bay as far west as the city hall, is badly wrecked. Hotels in the vicinity of Third and Market streets are badly shaken. The Call and Examiner buildings, as well as the Western Union building are badly wrecked. All modern structures and the large department stores of this neighborhood were also ruined, but the earthquake occurred at an hour when they were empty.

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AN AMERICAN MAY SUCCEED

FATHER LOUIS MARTIN AS GENERAL OF THE JESUIT ORDER

WOULD BREAK PRECEDENT

St. Louis Priest Suggested for the Honor.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., April 18.—In Catholic circles here considerable interest is manifested in the illness of Father Louis Martin, general of the Jesuit order, who is reported to be dying in Rome, because of the possibility that the honor of succeeding him as head of the order may fall upon an American priest, Rev. Rudolph L. Meyer, S. J. Though an American has never been chosen to head the order there is said to be nothing in the rules or customs of the great organization founded by St. Ignatius de Loyola to prohibit such a selection.

Father Meyer is a native of St. Louis and for a number of years he was president of St. Louis university. At present he is one of the five consultants of the general of the order. Those consultants are at the head, respectively, of the English, Italian, Spanish, German and French assistants; Father Meyer having the English assistant. The consultants reside at Rome and live in the same residence with the general.

Preceding the four years he served as president of St. Louis university, Father Meyer taught in St. Louis, Cincinnati and Chicago. After his term as president he was promoted to be provincial, and in 1899 was sent as visitor to California. Becoming professor of studies at Marquette college, Milwaukee, he was delegated in 1902 to assist at the general congregation at Loyola, Spain, and was detained by the general of the society to be assistant for the English-speaking provinces of the order, which position he now holds.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OPENS.

(By Associated Press.)

Louisville, Ky., April 18.—Without a vestige left of the internal strife which at one time threatened its welfare and existence the American association started off its season today under the most promising auspices. The season opens with Milwaukee playing in this city, Kansas City at Columbus, Milwaukee at Toledo and St. Paul at Indianapolis. The schedule for the year calls for 154 games, the same number as played by the major leagues, the season to close Sept. 17.

Any party knowing the present address of Thomas J. Hart, Daniel E. Williams or Frank H. Gammack, formerly of Guthrie, will confer a favor upon them by leaving their address at the Leader office.

Hobbsman's shoes fit, wear satisfy.